

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 13, 2009

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 621**

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**Introduced by Senator Florez**

February 27, 2009

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~~An act relating to disabled persons.~~ *An act to amend Section 51226 of the Education Code, relating to career technical education.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 621, as amended, Florez. ~~Disabled persons: employment.~~ *Career technical education: individuals with exceptional needs.*

*Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction, on a cyclical basis, to coordinate the development of model curriculum standards for the prescribed course of study and of a career technical education course of study necessary to assist school districts with complying with their obligation to offer qualified pupils a course of study that provides an opportunity for pupils to attain entry-level employment skills in business or industry upon graduation from high school.*

*This bill would require the Superintendent, in coordinating the development of model curriculum standards for a career technical education course of study, to include model curriculum standards appropriate for individuals with exceptional needs.*

~~Existing law establishes the Department of Rehabilitation in the Health and Welfare Agency and identifies as one of its goals employment and economic self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities. Under existing law, the department is provided all necessary authority to cooperate with the federal government in matters relating to individuals with disabilities and their vocational rehabilitation and independent living.~~

~~This bill would express the Legislature's intent to seek federal funding to promote and implement employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities in areas related to renewable energy, environmental safety, and conservation.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 51226 of the Education Code is amended  
2     to read:  
3     51226. The Superintendent ~~of Public Instruction~~ shall  
4     coordinate the development, on a cyclical basis, of model  
5     curriculum standards for the course of study required by Section  
6     51225.3 and for a career technical education course of study  
7     necessary to assist school districts with complying with subdivision  
8     (b) of Section 51228. *In coordinating the development of model*  
9     *curriculum standards for a career technical education course of*  
10    *study, the Superintendent shall include model curriculum standards*  
11    *appropriate for individuals with exceptional needs. The*  
12    ~~superintendent~~ Superintendent shall set forth these standards in  
13    terms of a wide range of specific competencies, including higher  
14    level skills, in each academic subject area. ~~The superintendent~~  
15    Superintendent shall review currently available textbooks in  
16    conjunction with the curriculum standards. ~~The superintendent~~  
17    Superintendent shall seek the advice of classroom teachers, school  
18    administrators, parents, postsecondary educators, and  
19    representatives of business and industry in developing these  
20    curriculum standards. The superintendent shall recommend policies  
21    to the ~~State Board of Education~~ state board for consideration and  
22    adoption by the board. ~~The State Board of Education~~ state board  
23    shall adopt these policies no later than January 1, 1985. However,  
24    neither the ~~superintendent~~ Superintendent nor the state board shall  
25    adopt rules or regulations for course content or methods of  
26    instruction.  
27    ~~The superintendent~~ Superintendent shall, to the extent applicable,  
28    incorporate the integration of career technical and academic  
29    education into the development of curriculum standards for career  
30    technical education courses. The standards for a career technical

1 education course of study shall be adopted no later than June 1,  
2 2005.

3 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to seek federal~~  
4 ~~funding to promote and implement employment opportunities for~~  
5 ~~individuals with autism spectrum disorder and pervasive~~  
6 ~~developmental disorder, as well as for individuals with other~~  
7 ~~disabilities and special needs, in areas related to renewable energy;~~  
8 ~~environmental safety, conservation, and other areas relating to~~  
9 ~~creating a more livable and environmentally sustainable~~  
10 ~~community.~~

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